

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 21, 2004 (Paper No. 34). Claims 74 to 75, 77 to 82, 84 to 89, 91 to 96, 98 to 103 and 105 to 108 are in the application, of which Claims 74, 81, 88, 95 and 102, the independent claims. Claims 74 and 81 are being amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 74 to 75, 77 to 82, 84 to 89, 91 to 96, 98 to 103, and 105 to 108 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) over screen printouts from Adobe Photo Deluxe 2.0. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns a user interface comprising a property page. The property page includes selection elements and a control region. The selection elements correspond to the same control, and each selection element corresponds to a different appearance of a control region of the property page. A displayed portion including the control region of the property page is changed based on a selection of the selection elements.

By virtue of this arrangement, it is possible to input data corresponding to the same control in different ways according to the different appearances of the control region of the property page. The amendments made herein further clarify that a displayed portion including the control region of the property page is changed, which is seen to be quite different from the screen printouts of the Photo Deluxe application, which are seen to only show the display of multiple windows some of which are positioned over others.

Turning to the specific language of the claims, Claim 74 defines a user

interface comprising a property page having at least first and second selection elements displayed within the property page. Each of the at least first and second selection elements corresponding to a same control and representing a different appearance of a control region of the property page displayed within the property page, each appearance of the control region corresponding to the same control provided by the property page. A displayed portion of the property page including the control region changes appearance such that a first appearance of the control region of the property page is displayed in response to selection of the first selection element, and a second appearance of the control region of the property page is displayed in response to selection of the second selection element.

According to the present invention, data corresponding to the same control is input in a different manner in accordance with the different appearances of the control region of the property page based on selection of the first and second selection elements.

The applied art, namely screen prints from Adobe's PhotoDeluxe, is not seen to show such a user interface.

The screen prints from Adobe's PhotoDeluxe are seen merely to show multiple and separate windows, some of which have been positioned over other ones of the windows. For example, in Figures 2 to 4 of the first set of screen prints, one or both of the windows entitled "untitled" and "Brightness/Control" are superimposed over the window entitled "Adobe PhotoDeluxe".

The screen prints taken from the Photo Deluxe application are not seen to show a user interface comprising a property page having at least first and second selection elements displayed within the property page. Each of the at least first and second selection

elements corresponding to a same control and representing a different appearance of a control region of the property page displayed within the property page, each appearance of the control region corresponding to the same control provided by the property page. A displayed portion of the property page including the control region changes appearance such that a first appearance of the control region of the property page is displayed in response to selection of the first selection element, and a second appearance of the control region of the property page is displayed in response to selection of the second selection element. According to the present invention, data corresponding to the same control is input in a different manner in accordance with the different appearances of the control region of the property page based on selection of the first and second selection elements.

The remaining claims are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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